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The recent storms on February 16 and February 24 resulted in the destruction of property and the loss of life across this state. Representatives of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency were on the scene within hours to assist you in the response and recovery efforts. MEMA will continue to work with you throughout the recovery phase.

Should you need additional information, please contact the Disater Field Office in Tupelo at (662) 680-8213. Officials with MEMA, FEMA, and various state agencies are co-located to assist you promptly with your recovery needs. Further, four Disaster Recovery Offices are located near your jurisdiction and a list is attached.

Because of the tremendous impact the losses will have on local and state budgets, I will be working closely with MEMA to seek increased federal funding from FEMA. Consider contacting your Congressmen and Senators to request additional support from the federal government. My office stands ready to assist you in anyway that we can during this recovery and together we will rebuild our communities.

Very truly yours,

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